

Theatre

ILLINOIS.

Dec. 21—"The Awakening of Helen Richie." Dec. 25—"The Girl and the Tramp," with Pat J. Kane of Rock Island. Dec. 26—"The Great Divide." Dec. 27—"Follies of Pleasure." Progressive Wheel burlesque, matinee and night. Dec. 28—"Beverly of Graustark." Dec. 29—James K. Hackett in "A Grain of Dust."

EMPIRE.

High class vaudeville—Two performances daily.

FAMILY, MOLINE.

Pantages vaudeville—Two performances daily.

AT THE ILLINOIS.

Among the popular novels of the day Margaret Deland's rank with the leading "sellers." Not a public library but what is equipped with all of her writings. Her characters are as familiar to the average reader of today as are David Copperfield and Oliver Twist. Her novel "The Awakening of Helena Richie" and its sequel, "The Iron Woman," are of strong characters, interwoven in the skein of life until we feel we know them. Miss Deland's admirers will be present at the Illinois tomorrow to see "The Awakening of Helena Richie" with Laura Frankenfeld as Helena. We all love that dear old pastor, Dr. Laverne, and we pity Sam, the dreamer, who sacrifices his life for his love. We thoroughly detect Lloyd Pryor for his weakness of character, and we laugh at the trite sayings of straight-faced Martha King. We love David, the sweet boy child who has such an important role to play and who takes Helena by the hand and leads her from sin and darkness into light and happiness and repentance. The characters all are there, costumed just as they were in Old Chester in 1860, Dr. King, Sarah and old Benjamin Wright who learns Helena's secret.

"The Follies of Pleasure," the attraction booked for the Illinois, Dec. 27, has established itself as one of the leading burlesque shows on the progressive circuit. It is said to be a big show, too, with the most beautiful Broadway chorus. "The Follies" offer "The Handsome Widow" in two acts, which is said to afford excellent opportunity for the display of talent of an exceptionally clever cast of principals, which includes Dan Coleman, Tom McKenna, Claude J. Bates, Fred Bulla, Violet Wilson, Alma Bauer, Lavigne and Jaffie, and Gussie Irwin.

"The Girl and the Tramp," a comedy with Pat J. Kane, a former Rock Islander in the title role, will be the Christmas day attraction at the Illinois.

James K. Hackett will offer the remarkable book play "The Grain of Dust," at the Illinois, Dec. 29. A book that has had more vogue, probably, than any publication in recent years, partly due to the fact that Mr. Hackett, who is conceded one of the greatest of latter day stars, has given a dramatic performance that has intensified the interest in David Graham Phillips' remarkable story. Those who have read the book and are familiar with Mr. Hackett's work in other plays, will readily understand why he fits into the role that is so congenial that had the dramatist been commissioned to write a play especially for him, he hardly would have created more suitable and successful offering than the present one. The character of Frederick Norman is one that is met with in the financial and business circles of everyday life, and undoubtedly more than one auditor will draw a comparison between the forceful Norman of the mimic world and some business acquaintance in every day life. The story of the play already known to readers of serial fiction narrates the amatory and professional adventures of a New York lawyer, whose love for an insignificant stenographer led him to break off his engagement with an heiress whose father was an important client of the firm of which the young lawyer was a member. He leaves the firm and marries the stenographer. His clients were persuaded away from him; his income declined and disappeared and he was on the verge of ruin, when a chance came for him to turn the tables on his enemy. In that hour his wife left him, and embittered against her and the world at large, he sets to work with heroic energy to grind his enemy into submission, and rehabilitate himself again in the financial world, where he had previously held such a high and exalted position. Mr. Hackett as Frederick Norman has added another great characterization to his gallery of famous stage portraits. In the admirable cast that will be seen in "The Grain of Dust" are David K. Hughes, late star of "At Piney Ridge," "His Last Dollar," etc., and Beatrice Beckley.

AT THE EMPIRE. Joseph E. Howard's pet show, "The District Leader," is to be the attraction at the Empire theatre for three days beginning Monday matinee. This attraction has undergone the capsule condensation for what is known as musical comedy and is said to be the biggest hit of all the appreciated musical comedies. All of the best portions of the story and especially the comedy hits, have been kept. "The District Leader" has a real plot worked out in logical every day fashion and this is one reason why it lived in the \$1.50 houses three times as long as the best. The production, an exact duplicate of the original one, is brand new. The cast is said to be exceptionally good. Added to this show Manager Dolly has made arrangements with Harold Vestermark to appear in a little recitation at each performance of the first three days. Harold is the little boy who a few months back fell from a tree, while out nutting, and broke both arms so badly that the only means of saving his life was to amputate both at the shoulder. Half of the receipts of the first three days go into the fund now already started to help educate this little man.

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Did you ever see a celebration of the Potlatch? or a big catch of salmon, or a glacier or the Rose Fiesta of Portland? If you have never seen these things, and would like to see them, come to the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8:15. William E. Leffingwell gives a lecture on the Pacific northwest, which is illustrated with colored slides and moving pictures. Mr. Leffingwell has some of the most beautiful pictures presented in America today, and he uses over 200 to display his lecture. The synopsis of slides and pictures include the Great Salt Lake and city, Idaho orchards and fields, the Snake river canyon, Shoshone falls, salmon fishing along the Columbia river, Mt. Hood, through Tacoma and Seattle into British Columbia, with motion pictures showing the celebration of the Potlatch, and as a finale colored motion picture of the Rose Fiesta of Portland. Money has not been spared to make this lecture of the very finest possible, and there is not one uninteresting moment in it. Mr. Leffingwell is most entertaining himself, and his travel talks are delightful.

Mr. Leffingwell comes to the Y. M. C. A. through the efforts of the social committee, and his lecture is entirely free to any who care to come. This is one of the regular Saturday evening entertainments, and the ladies are very cordially invited to come as well as the men. There will be no admission of any kind, nor any collection; every one is invited.

Monday evening a reception to the students and faculty of the high school is to be rendered by the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. A committee of the "younger young men" of the association is in charge of arrangements for the occasion, and plans are being completed for a grand time. All the students and faculty, both boys and girls, men and women, are being invited to attend and enjoy the hospitality of the association.

Various forms of entertainment will be provided, and the building will be placed at the disposal of the guests for the evening.

The usual interesting program is promised for Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Rev. W. L. Alexander, of

Atchison, Kan., is to be the speaker at the men's meeting at 4 o'clock, with his subject "It's Up To You." These Sunday afternoon meetings are strictly informal, and all men are welcome.

The boys' meeting at 3 o'clock will be open to the younger boys as well as the older ones, and all the boys from 12 years up are invited to be present. Mr. Smedley will be the speaker. The subject announced is "A Life in the Long Ago."

A party of five men from Tulsa, Okla., spent part of yesterday in the city visiting the new Y. M. C. A. building to learn just how a new building ought to be constructed. The city of Tulsa has recently raised a fund of \$120,000 for a building, and this group of men has been sent out to inspect some of the best buildings in the country before undertaking to make plans for their own. Naturally they came to Rock Island, to see the building which already has a national reputation as one of the finest. The party included E. W. Sinclair, A. J. Holt and H. C. Tyrell, business men of Tulsa, and members of the campaign committee, besides C. E. Bushner, general secretary of the Tulsa Y. M. C. A., and F. A. Garrison, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Oklahoma. The visitors were more than delighted with the Rock Island building, and carried away many ideas for their own building that will no doubt be incorporated in their plans.

ANDALUSIA

Lawrence Spicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spicker, has joined the United States navy and is now at Jefferson barracks, Mo.

Mrs. Anna Mounts has sold her lots on Apple street to Miss Barbara Frei.

Miss Charity Thompson and Lola Huntley were in Rock Island and Davenport last Saturday doing Christmas shopping.

Fred Spicker was at St. Anthony's hospital last week where an operation was performed on his eye. He came home from the hospital Saturday and is getting along nicely.

There will be Christmas exercises at the school house next Wednesday afternoon and at the church Christmas eve. The public is invited to both services.

Rev. L. E. Ellison spent several days last week visiting friends here.

IOWA COACH ASSURED A SUBSTANTIAL RAISE

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 20.—Coach Jesse B. Hawley will be given a substantial increase in salary by the Iowa athletic management next year. The athletic board voted him the increase at a meeting last night and ordered its committee on coaches to proceed at once with conclusion of the contract. Now that the coach has arranged his business so that he can get away, no further trouble in closing the contract is anticipated.

Paul Armstrong Weds.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—Paul Armstrong, the playwright, and Miss Katherine Cassidy of Baltimore, known on the stage as Katherine Calvert, were married Thursday in New Haven, Conn., according to a private telegram received here last night. Mrs. Paul Armstrong was recently granted a divorce from her husband. The court allowed her \$7,500 a year alimony and the custody of her three children. Miss Cassidy was named as one of the correspondents by Mrs. Armstrong.

Beautiful Christmas Gifts at E. E. Lamps.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1888

Dec. 15—Buford post, G. A. R., held with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Hodson.

Dec. 20—Captain Tom Fuller of the C. M. & St. P. road, was lately the recipient of a chair from an admiring friend, and in which he rests his weary bones while on the road. It is a mammoth affair and will hold two ordinary sized men, but is none too large for Fuller's corpulence.

Dr. J. W. Scott and family and Miss Mary Dixon of Ness City, Kan., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Leonard of South Rock Island. Dr. Scott says he has had enough of Kansas, politically and otherwise, and proposes to reside in Minneapolis this winter.

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